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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [mike.nizich@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 11:57 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); gov.palin@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Kyle Hopkins - ADN

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So much for him not wanting to embarrass the Governor. Its so extremely apparent that it's all about Walt. He doesn't care how this affects her in the least. He's unfortunately doing the same thing he did when Begich let him go, right to the press.

I have heard from a few folks regarding his email that he sent the cabinet and the feeling is that no matter the situation and the reason for him being replacement his statement to the rest about not having access and don't let it happen to you was so inappropriate, folks have taken offense to his statements.

From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Sent: Sat 7/12/2008 8:04 PM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Kyle Hopkins - ADN

Mike-

I talked with the Daily News tonight about Walt. Kyle was really pushing for specific reasons why Walt was let go. Apparently – Walt is telling reporters that he has all the respect for the Governor but is baffled as to why he was fired.
I stuck to the company line but Kyle wanted more. He asked me to ask you for more details. I told him I would but didn't expect to get in touch with you tonight.

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Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 2:21 AM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: DNR Media Release - Type 1 Fire Engines to California

Thanks Tom. Amazing to consider Alaskans helping in this. It's very good!

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 14:41:47 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Subject: Fw: DNR Media Release - Type 1 Fire Engines to California

Fyi. In case you are asked, 4 major pieses of Ak fire equip in route to Ca. Also we now have over 500 firefighters helping Ca.

----- Original Message -----
From: picweb <picweb@dnr.state.ak.us>
To: DNR, Public Information Center Webmaster (DNR sponsored)
Sent: Fri Jul 11 11:17:35 2008
Subject: DNR Media Release - Type 1 Fire Engines to California

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MEDIA RELEASE

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Tom Irwin, Commissioner	Public Information Center
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907-269-8431	907-269-8400

DIVISION OF Forestry/Mat-Su Borough EMS

CONTACT: Matt Weaver/Patty Sullivan

RELEASE DATE: July 11, 2008

PHONE: 761-6233

745-9577

SUBJECT: Largest Mat-Su/Chugiak firefighting apparatus on the way to California

Today the National Interagency Command Center (NICC) formally requested Type 1 structural fire engines from Alaska for service in California's record breaking fire season. In response, the State Logistics Center in Fairbanks is coordinating the transfer of four of the largest structural firefighting engines to Cal Fire.

Three of the trucks are being furnished by Mat-Su Emergency Services; the fourth is being furnished by the Chugiak Volunteer fire department. Each engine will be staffed by a complement of 3 Mat-Su and Chugiak firefighters. The State Division of Forestry will be providing agency liaison Phillip Blydenburgh and mechanical support staff. Norm McDonald, Mat-Su Area fire management officer, states that this action shows terrific interagency cooperation. "To accomplish this mission, the Division of Forestry, the Mat-Su Borough, Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department, FEMA, NICC, and the US Forest Service all had to play their part". The engines will be transported through Canada on trucks and the crews will be re-united with their equipment in California.

These Type 1 engines are capable of carrying up to 1500 gallons of water and pumping at a rate of 1000 gallons a minute. Chris Olson, logistics coordinator of the Division of Forestry's Coastal Region, states that the power of this apparatus is the ability to lay down a tremendous quantity of water in a very short time.

All of the engines will be used by Cal Fire for structure protection. As of July 10th, there are still 97 outstanding, un-filled orders for structure protection engines for California.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 9:42 AM

To: Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)

Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Goode; Kelly C (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)

Subject: Re: Confidential-Legislature has shifted into political phase

Got it. And sorry it's getting to this point! The sooner the better on the vote.

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From: "Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 09:20:31 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Goode, Kelly C (GOV) <kelly.goode@alaska.gov>; Balash, Joseph R (GOV)<joe.balash@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)<patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>
Subject: Confidential-Legislature has shifted into political phase

Governor,
I just want to let you know that all the feedback the Gasline Team is now receiving is that the legislative discussion has shifted to politics and totally away from substance. While it is still important for us to present well in the hearings, at the end of the day that will not determine the vote. What has now happened is the "trading" that is occurring behind the scenes - energy relief money as an exchange for AGIA votes. In fact one of the reasons both the House and Senate are delaying the vote is that our opponents recognize they can use other issues to challenge our AGIA support, and the longer things roll-out the more danger we are in of losing the votes.

Additionally, both bodies are now starting to jockey for leadership positions, which also complicates the situation. For instance, we hear an important Bush Democrat wants to be Speaker, so he doesn't want to completely irritate the House Republicans. This could result in a change in his position on the AGIA vote.

I draw this to your attention in order to emphasize that the discussion is now much more complicated. We will continue to work all the issues and stay on top of things as best we can. And we will continue to be in touch with you.
Thanks,
Marty

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 12:08 PM
To: K Perry Yahoo; Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Frank Bailey
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: your new ad (BB III)

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Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 20:04:12 +0000
To: Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; Tom E (DNR) Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Marty K (DNR) Rutherford<marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>; frank bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>
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To: Tom Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Marty Rutherford<marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Frank Bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fw: your new ad (BB III)

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: Scott Heyworth <heyworth@gci.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 11:11:23 -0800
To: Malcolm B Roberts<mbroberts@gci.net>; Walter J. Hickel<wjhickel@gci.net>; Bill Walker<bill-wwa@ak.net>; mike kenny<mkenny@attalascom.net>; Mike Gallagher<mike@local341.com>
CC: Nick Stepovich<nstepo@hotmail.com>; Don Benson<dab@nhtiusa.com>; Kate Lamal<kkl@gvea.com>; Robert Favretto<rcf@kenaichrysler.com>; Scott R Heyworth<heyworth@gci.net>; <sullivans51@aol.com>; <patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us>; Tom Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Marty Rutherford<marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>; <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>; <marcia_davis@revenue.state.ak.us>
Subject: your new ad (BB III)

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I demand that you send out to all of them IMMEDIATELY a retraction of my name in that ad with a true explanation of my position stating you NEVER contacted me in any manner to use my name. And that I am on the record many, many times as supporting AGIA's passage!

I will take all available immediate legal actions if you do not. Today.

I am astonished that you and this new "splinter group" of BB II, forming something new called **BackBone III** would use my name in such a manner when you and all members of BackBone II know I do not support a NO vote on the AGIA legislation! I do not see Mayor Jim Whitakers's name in the YES column. And he has been in favor of AGIA for sometime now.

Fix this immediately. You all are and have already caused me great harm no doubt.

Sincerely,

Scott R. Heyworth.

p.s. Lord help if this AD is ever published with my name in it whatsoever. I am not nor have ever been any party to **BB III.**

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]

Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 5:20 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'ftb907@yahoo.com'

Subject: timing

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]

Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 4:25 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'ftb907@yahoo.com'; 'ckopp@ci.kenai.ak.us'

Subject: Kopp press release for your review

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From: Rep. Mike Kelly [Representative_Mike_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 9:54 AM
To: 'andora@nushtel.net'
Cc: Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); Edgmon; Bryce E (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Commissioner; DOT (DOT sponsored); Notti; Emil R (CED); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: West and Southwest Roads AND Energy Grids

Hi, Nels. I'm with you 100%. You'll remember from our previous talk that I'm an incurable power guy. The News Miner chopped me off at 750 words or I'd have mentioned the T-lines and mines you suggest, plus Rock Creek; and would have thrown in the Palmer-Glenallen-Fairbanks T-line loop as well. If we do these things with our wealth instead of growing Government, we will empower our grandchildren rather than putting or keeping them on welfare. Please say Hi to Henry and Pearl and old Bouker if you see them. Thank you for your thoughtful input. Exciting times. Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: Nels and Dorothy <andora@nushtel.net>

To: Rep. Mike Kelly

Cc: Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Governor Palin <Governor@gov.state.ak.us>; dot.commissioner@alaska.gov <dot.commissioner@alaska.gov>; Commissioner Emil Notti <Emil_Notti@commerce.state.ak.us>; Commissioner Tom Irwin <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Sent: Sat Jul 12 07:18:53 2008

Subject: West and Southwest Roads AND Energy Grids

July 12, 2008

Dear Representative Kelly:

I pulled this out of your comment in the FBDNM. I comment below on your vision statement.

"Here's what I see:

• In 2010, standing on the west bank of the Nenana River, I can look across at the Healy Clean Coal Plant and hear the coal-steam turbine spinning out 400 million low-cost kilowatt hours to supply Interior Alaska homes and businesses.

• In 2014, I see the new Nome road departing Interior Alaska as it stretches 500 miles to our neighbors in Western Alaska.

• In 2020, I can look south to the Susitna River Hydroelectric project silently and cleanly pumping more than 1,000 megawatts of zero-fuel-cost power into the Railbelt power grid to light and power our homes and businesses.

What do you see?

Rep. Mike Kelly is a Fairbanks Republican representing House District 7."

My comments on your vision.

Thanks Rep. Kelly for that grand vision of what is needed. I hope you will target the need for a road but ALSO an energy grid system that will carry low cost energy you see being produced at the Healy Coal fired generator to communities outside of Fairbanks to the West. Without low cost energy, no industry will be able to start up, much less thrive.

I hope you also see a road AND an energy grid system connecting the Southwest Alaska region with a road system and the Railbelt Energy Grid. The road and energy grid system going Southwest should be in the state's planning mode as well as going West. A grid connecting Southwest Alaska will encourage economic development and new industries could be developed as you stated in your comment piece.

In 2020, I hope you also can see an energy grid system moving energy from the Susitna Hydro project that will provide energy to the Soutwest Alaska portion of the state. Again, without low cost energy, projects like Donlin and Pebble cannot get off the ground.

I like your vision and hope your vision can include some of what I see that will help all Alaskans. Since state dollars that belong to all of us will be used to develop those energy and road projects, I would hope that you can support extending the grid system to include those of us outside of the Railbelt.

My best regards,

Nels Anderson, Jr.

Box 234

Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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andora@nushtel.net

PS - And for what its worth, and if my opinion means anything at all, I support AGIA.

cc: Senator Lyman Hoffman, Representative Bruce Edgmon, Governor Sarah Palin, Commissioner Leo von Scheben, Commissioner Notti

Commissioner Tom Irwin

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 11:54 PM
To: Tara L. Jollie
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Walt

I wish he'd taken the offer to better serve the state by better utilizing his talents and connections with rural Alaska by accepting the ABC Board Ex Dir position- that way he'd be able to concentrate on bootlegging and the horrendous problems caused by alcohol in our rural communities. He's chosen not to accept that role in state service, but instead to exit state service entirely.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Tara L. Jollie" <leaddog@acsalaska.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 23:49:08 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Ivy personal<ivyfrye@yahoo.com>; frank bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>
Subject: Walt

All:

I read what is on the ADL webpage. I think Sharon's response so far is good. I expect to get calls come Monday from the rural caucus and stakeholders in Rural Alaska and probably big native corps like AFN, CIRI, all the BB's, Pribilofs, Interior and Northwest.

My stance is that it is not unusual for an Administration to change people out as the Governor sees appropriate to meet her goals for Alaska. Let me know if I need to say something different. tj

Tara Jollie

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 2:24 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Re: Congressman Boehner's Alaska Trip

Janice- what about flying up to fairbanks immediately after Anchorage picnic to attend this, is Saturday truly is best for them.

----- Original Message -----

From: John Katz <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Fri Jul 11 11:42:08 2008

Subject: Congressman Boehner's Alaska Trip

I have made contact with the office of the House Minority Leader. The bottom line is that the Governor is invited to have dinner with Mr. Boehner and his entourage Saturday (July 19th) or Sunday in Fairbanks.

The staff recommends Saturday, because the House members will not be as tired, and the Governor could also offer some welcoming remarks. Sunday is less preferable for several reasons.

I also asked whether the Governor could actually accompany the entourage to the North Slope. The staff is checking with Mr. Boehner and will get back to me as soon as they can.

Please advise whether either July 19th or 20th is a possibility. I will let you know as soon as I hear about the North Slope portion of the trip.

P.S.

I understand that the Governor will meet with the Republican Challengers group on July 17th. So, there should be no conflict with Mr. Boehner's trip.

John W. Katz

Director of State/Federal Relations

and Special Counsel to the Governor

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Subject: Re: your new ad (BB III)

I meant to mention the China comment (below) with a reference to Cindy Roberts' ridiculous gender-referenced letter.

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CC: Nick Stepovich<nstepo@hotmail.com>; Don Benson<dab@nhtiusa.com>; Kate

Lamal<kkl@gvea.com>; Robert Favretto<rcf@kenaichrysler.com>; Scott R Heyworth<heyworth@gci.net>; <sullivans51@aol.com>; <patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us>; Tom Irwin<tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; Marty Rutherford<marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>; <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>; <marcia_davis@revenue.state.ak.us>
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Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 12:35 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Goode; Kelly C (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Kim; Anna C (GOV)
Subject: Re: Status update on resource rebate bill

Have tom/marty seen this summary?

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 12:28:13 -0800
To: Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)<mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; Goode, Kelly C (GOV) <kelly.goode@alaska.gov>; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Kim, Anna C (GOV)<anna.kim@alaska.gov>
Subject: Status update on resource rebate bill

Governor:

Here is a status update from yesterday on the resource rebate bill, HB 4002.

Resource Rebate

House C & RA Schedule

This bill was schedule and brought up very briefly in House C & RA. Co-Chair Fairclough set out the following hearing schedule:

- July 15 @ 8:00 am in Juneau (1 hour to hear from just myself and Jerry Burnett from Revenue)
- July 17 @ 4:00 pm in Anchorage (Public testimony)
- July 22 @ 2:00 pm in Juneau (Testimony by invitation only)
- July 23 @ 10:00 am in Juneau (Public testimony)

Senate Finance Schedule

The Senate Finance committee is hearing 4 bills on July 15 @ 9:00 am, including the Senate version of the resource rebate bill. This means we will have to present quickly at House C & RA and run upstairs. (Kelly, can we check with Miles on Monday and see if he will move talk to Bert about moving this meeting to 9:30 am? If they won't we will need to have someone else on prepared and on standby in Senate Finance to present the resource rebate bill if I am still stuck in House C & RA. Who would you suggest?)

Substantive Issues

Other than setting the schedule, Rep. Fairclough mentioned some legal issues that had been brought to her attention by Rep. Lindsey Holmes. The two issues were:

(1) the Federal constitutional issue with residency periods for need-based welfare programs. (Which is not what our resource rebate payment is); and
(2) whether the bill causes legal problems or issues with the permanent fund? (Which we believe it does not since none of the funding comes from the Permanent Fund and we are setting up an entirely different program)

Rep. Fairclough asked us to have LAW ready to answer these questions at the hearing on July 22. I told

her we had already looked at the issues, but would be prepared to answer them at the next hearing. My sense is democrats like Rep. Holmes and Rep. Gara want to change our bill to a needs based program. One way to try and get leverage to do that is to poke at the structure of our bill and try to get leverage to amend it into a needs based program. (Changing to a needs based program also happens to benefit a lot of their constituents) After we answer this set of legal questions, these same folks will probably come up with some more. Their goal is to try to find something that sticks or at least raises enough doubt that they gain votes for an amendment to a needs based program. We can't prevent them from raising issues, but we will answer them.

I am working with Chris Poag, Mike Barnhill, and Mike Ford on the legal issues. We have a meeting to review everything again this Tuesday. We will be ready to answer the questions on the record for Rep. Fairclough.

Next Steps

Since the LAW attorneys are usually off for the weekend, I am reviewing the research and the issues Rep. Fairclough asked about. I am also finishing up my opening statement. On Monday, I would also like to start meeting with the individual members of the committee to review the bill and answer questions, and try to count votes. (Kelly, can your office set up the meetings and would you like to come with me?) I am leaving the organization of any public testimony on the bills up to the Legislative Office. My plan is to keep preparing, present the best case possible to the committee, meet with them, answer questions, and try to count votes, and then do the same thing at Finance, the House Floor, etc.

Comments from Legislators

One legislator mentioned to me yesterday that Rep. Chenault prefers just tacking the amount of the resource rebate payment and motor fuel tax savings to everyone's permanent fund and issuing one check. Rep. Meyer was quoted in the ADN as saying:

"Kevin Meyer, an Anchorage Republican who serves as co-chairman on the House Finance Committee, said short-term needs must be addressed while various alternative statewide energy projects get under way. "The rebate, I look at it as a Band-Aid, and I think we need to do that now because that's something that can get to people fairly quickly," Meyer said. "I think the rebate, plus taking off 8 cents, are all things that we can do now," he said. "It will help bridge the gap until we can get some of these other things done."

The negative comments being relayed to me are coming in from Senate Leadership, particularly Senator Hoffman. Also, it is clear neither Speaker Harris or the Senate leadership are going to make the bill process easy. Referrals to lower committees, having chairs drag out hearings over two weeks, and scheduling hearings on top of each other are not helpful.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 6:45 PM

To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Goode; Kelly C (GOV); Rowland; Mindy B (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)

Subject: Re: BackBone III flyer

Right on. Thank you so much. I appreciate your strength in this.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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FYI.
Tom

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Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 11:34 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: WSJ Magazine

Thanks! I'll do that in the morning.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 22:30:58 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
CC: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: WSJ Magazine

Governor-

Just a reminder that Jen Murphy from the WSJ magazine would like a few minutes of your time to talk about diet and exercise. She can be reached at 732-581-6813. Thanks

Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
Deputy Communications Director

465-4031Juneau
269-7450Anchorage
240-7943 cell

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 2:03 AM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: Praying for you

Thanks so much Tom. My prayer for us and the state is that God has His way here. That we don't miss His will and that we are given the wisdom, the strength and the favor to let Him work through us. Also, that the right people are put in place to usher in that will. Thank you for the Isaiah reminder!

He has richly blessed us and our endeavors. Thank you Tom.

------Original Message------

From: Tom Irwin

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jul 12, 2008 4:06 AM

Subject: Praying for you

Governor,

I met with Senator Dyson today. It was a real blessing and encouragement to me. God knew that I needed Fred's visit. Fred prayed for both of us, and reminded me that we are a part of God's plan.

I want to provide that same encouragement and blessing to you. Tonight Sharon and I again prayed that God would bless you richly as Governor and the he would bless you and your family beyond measure.

I really praise God for you.

God's promise:

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

...I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

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Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 11:51 PM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Frank Bailey; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Walt

Posted on ADN website is his "fired" statement. Wish he had chosen to take the offer to serve the state in a better capacity for him- the bootlegging concentration through ABC position. Should we include that in presser now? I don't like his comment that "her new direction will be communicated in time". It's really not the best thing to have his communication to the public sound like it sounded in his departure memo.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 11:59 PM
To: Tara L. Jollie; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Walt

It's a personnel matter, though Tara, so despite what he may say to the public... it's a personnel matter and no need to comment. I'll ask Mike to chime in if further comment for you to relay is necessary. Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 07:54:23 +0000
To: Tara L. Jollie<leaddog@acsalaska.net>
CC: Sharon Leighow<sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: Walt

I wish he'd taken the offer to better serve the state by better utilizing his talents and connections with rural Alaska by accepting the ABC Board Ex Dir position- that way he'd be able to concentrate on bootlegging and the horrendous problems caused by alcohol in our rural communities. He's chosen not to accept that role in state service, but instead to exit state service entirely.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

From: "Tara L. Jollie" <leaddog@acsalaska.net>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 23:49:08 -0800
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>; K Perry Yahoo<krisandclark@yahoo.com>; Ivy personal<ivyfrye@yahoo.com>; frank bailey<ftb907@yahoo.com>
Subject: Walt

All:

I read what is on the ADL webpage. I think Sharon's response so far is good. I expect to get calls come Monday from the rural caucus and stakeholders in Rural Alaska and probably big native corps like AFN, CIRI, all the BB's, Pribilofs, Interior and Northwest.

My stance is that it is not unusual for an Administration to change people out as the Governor sees appropriate to meet her goals for Alaska. Let me know if I need to say something different. tj

Tara Jollie

Unknown

From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 6:13 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Email

Dillon has already posted it.

----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Sent: Sat Jul 12 17:55:00 2008

Subject: Email

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Sent:	Saturday, July 12, 2008 5:46 PM
To:	'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Goode; Kelly C (GOV); Rowland; Mindy B (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
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FYI.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 5:11 PM
To: coleen@gci.net
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 10:49 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Coleen Mielke

address: 8485 North Wasilla Fishhook Road Wasilla AK 99654

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor,

I am a life long Alaskan as are my children and grandchildren. We have lived in Wasilla for 30 years. I am writing to you because I get the distinct feeling that you are going to publicly endorse Ted Stevens in the upcoming election. I know that you are obliged to do so for the Republican party sake, but I humbly ask you to reconsider. Not only is he under investigation for serious crimes, but he's basically too old. We need some youthful representation for Alaska and it needs to begin now; if Ted Stevens is re-elected, he will be nearly NINETY at the end of his term. While he is physically energetic...emotionally he is old and cranky. I won't get into my feelings about his legal issues, or the fact that we only see him in Alaska for election year photo opportunities)... however, PLEASE......for the sake of a young vital Alaskan population, lets get someone in the Senate that can represent us in the long run. Mr. Stevens has done wonders for our state, but it's time he retires. I'm n

ot asking that you endorse anyone in particular, but PLEASE think twice before you endorse Ted Stevens.

Thanks,

Coleen

coleen@gci.net

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From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 2:43 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: DPS

Governor,

I spoke w/Mike, Walt did not accept the position. Sharon is working on a release for your review.

Kris

Unknown

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KYPERRY]
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2008 1:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Tonight

No, it's an informal mix and mingle "grazing" event as Susan relayed to me. Also, the 6:30 event at Liberty Center is for family also.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Sat Jul 12 13:18:56 2008

Subject: Re: Tonight

Does the dinner start right at 7? The girls want to walk to Macys in about 40 minutes.

------Original Message------

From: K Perry

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jul 12, 2008 5:11 PM

Subject: Tonight

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Private tour for Governors of the new Liberty Bell Center (this is the only Liberty Bell Center event I've found in the program).

7:00 - 10:00 pm: Centennial Celebration at National Constitution Center (all attendees). Mix & mingle w/dinner.

Optional walking tour of the Lights of Liberty after dinner.

Please let me know what time you'd like the car to be ready to depart.

Thanks,

Kris

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